



## ACKERLEY COMPUTER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

The Ackerley Computer Science and Technology Scholars Program awards scholarships to incoming students interested in studying Computer Science and Information Technology (CSIT) at Graceland University. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$6,000 and are renewable for all four years of study. These scholarships help promote academic excellence in computing and technology at Graceland by attracting outstanding students to the CSIT program. Preference is based on academic scholarship and leadership shown by past achievement and standardized test scores. Applicants do not need prior experience or training in computer technologies, but rather an interest in computing, an aptitude for math or science, and good communication skills. For more information, contact Kevin Brunner, Ackerley Director, by phone at 641-784-5175 or by email at [brunner@graceland.edu](mailto:brunner@graceland.edu).

### ELIGIBILITY

- Accepted by Graceland University
- At least 3.5 GPA or 85 percentile in high school
- At least 26 Math on ACT or 620 Math on SAT
- Pursue Computer Science and Information Technology as a major

### EVALUATION

- Scholarship awards and amounts are based on:
- Academic success
  - Communication and leadership
  - Computer and technology interest
  - Standardized test scores (ACT/SAT)

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Submit a Graceland application for admission ([www.graceland.edu/apply](http://www.graceland.edu/apply)).
2. Complete and send this application to the address given below.
3. Attach to this application an essay and a list of accomplishments as specified on this form.
4. Attach, or have sent to the address below, two letters of recommendation from persons who can support your character and accomplishments (e.g., teacher, minister, community leader, etc.).
5. Have your high school, college and/or university send your latest transcript to the address below.
6. Submit all materials before March 1 — late applications are considered for funds that are still available.
7. Interview with the Ackerley Director.
8. Declare Computer Science and Information Technology as a major.

### APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I accept and understand that if I receive a scholarship I must meet the Ackerley Scholarship Requirements and Expectations to maintain and renew my scholarship. If I fail to do so during any semester, I will be placed on probation and risk forfeiting my scholarship.*

Mail to: Admissions Office, Graceland University, 1 University Place, Lamoni, Iowa 50140

## **ESSAY**

Submit a 500–750 word essay that gives some sense of who you are, your goals and your interest in computers, technology, mathematics, and science.

## **LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

List anything that might be beneficial to those considering your application for this scholarship. Applicants should have a positive attitude, desire to learn and the ability to collaborate with others. Therefore, your list should include leadership roles, academic awards and any teamwork, training or content experiences you have had (particularly those related to computers or technology).

## **INFORMATION**

If awarded an Ackerley Scholarship you must accept certain conditions to maintain for all four years, including good grades as a CSIT major and participation in CSIT related clubs, activities and projects. The participation requirement ensures that you will become part of the team of Ackerley Scholars and other CSIT students who energize our program.

If not awarded an Ackerley Scholarship, the center funds many things that will benefit you as a CSIT student. These include frequent upgrades of high-end workstations, coverage for professional dues, trip expenses (travel, hotel, meals) for CSIT conferences and funding for hardware or software needed on projects that you might be interested in pursuing.

Go to [csit.graceland.edu/ackerley](http://csit.graceland.edu/ackerley) to learn more about the Ackerley Program, the Ackerley Scholars, activities, etc. Contact Kevin Brunner, Ackerley Director, at 641-784-5175 or [brunner@graceland.edu](mailto:brunner@graceland.edu) with any questions.

## **ACKERLEY SCHOLAR REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS**

Students who receive Ackerley scholarships are expected to contribute to the academic programs in computing and technology at Graceland. Ackerley scholars receive a national ACM membership, attend selected conferences paid by the Ackerley program, and engage in projects supported by the Ackerley funds. To maintain the scholarship for all four years, the scholar must fulfill the responsibilities below.

### **Academic Requirements**

1. Major in Computer Science and Information Technology (CSIT). Scholars may major in multiple areas.
2. Maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA in your major and overall.
3. Be a full-time student making reasonable progress on your degree, based on a 4-year plan.
4. Maintain good habits for academic success (e.g., attendance, participation, work ethic, attitude). Your name must not show up on midterm reports of students who are “at risk” due to poor work or attendance.

### **Participatory Expectations**

1. Be active in the Graceland student chapter of ACM, Association of Computing Machinery, the international society for computing professionals, scientists, and educators. Full attendance and active support are expected.
2. Participate in the fall and spring computing conferences with the ACM club (attend workshops, lectures, competitions, or present a paper).
3. Be involved in GU Homecoming or other events in which Ackerley scholars greet visitors and give demonstrations that promote the CSIT and Ackerley programs.
4. Influence the direction of the Ackerley Program by offering ideas and assistance for special events, guest speakers, workshops, and projects. To lead and assist without being asked.

### **Other Responsibilities**

1. Be included in publicity that promotes the program and students (e.g., photos, news, web sites).
2. Send letters of appreciation to the donors who made the scholarship possible.
3. Attend all Ackerley and ACM meetings.